

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed." (Luke 5:16)

I recently read an article about how important it is to allow your children to be bored. To give them time away from their phones or other technology—even away from books!—and just let them sit and stare sometimes. It's not only good for their brains, but it helps with their overall mood and mental health. I have a feeling that it's not only good for kids but for their parents as well. Even Jesus took time away from the hustle and bustle of His ministry to go up on a mountainside to pray so, perhaps, if you are a member of the human race it's a good thing to take a break and rest sometimes.

While I was at camp the past two weeks with Middle Schoolers and then with High Schoolers, I stayed pretty busy most days. However, because I didn't have my normal responsibilities with my family, I also had some hours of downtime that I never usually experience and I really noticed a difference. Each day I felt more peace. My mind wasn't running one-hundred miles a minute. I would just sit and appreciate my surroundings or go on a walk and pray. I didn't need to "escape" by playing a game on my phone or watching a YouTube clip or movie. I could just relax. And my mind feels clearer even days after I have come home.

God encourages us to rest. On the seventh day of creation, God rested and He encouraged His people to take a "Sabbath" rest throughout their lives every seventh day as well. Jesus modeled this behavior throughout His ministry. He would rest before a big event or to recharge after hard work; before making big decisions and during times of distress. After Jesus was baptized, He spent forty days and forty nights in the wilderness. Before Jesus went to the cross,

He prayed alone in the garden of Gethsemane. After a very busy day of ministry, He would go off on His own to pray. Why is it that so many people (including most of us) believe that more will be accomplished by working harder and longer? Is it possible that more rest is the missing ingredient to the success and peace that we yearn for in our lives?

Jesus encourages us to find rest not just by getting rid of things (such as technology) but by focusing on Him. "Come to Me all you who are weary and heavy burdened and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28) While I was at the youth camps, I noticed that when I was "bored" or when I really was able to rest, my mind quickly turned to prayer. And when that time was over, I felt more at peace and more refreshed. Was that because I was "unplugged" from my normal activities or because I was "plugged into" God or was it a little bit of both? I don't know, but it was really nice either way!

I have heard that when Martin Luther knew he had an especially busy day, he would wake up earlier to pray for the strength to accomplish everything that needed to be done. That has always seemed counterproductive to me since that would just make me more tired, but I also sense the wisdom in this habit. When we take the time to rest and to pray, we enter into the challenges of our life reliant on God's strength rather than our own. And when we are working according to God's Will, even difficult tasks become much easier to accomplish.

How can you find time to rest in your life? Not just once a year for a vacation, but as a part of your daily routine or week? It might not only be good for your mind and physical health, but also refreshing to your spiritual life as well.

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## E.L.C. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES-06/12/2022

The regular council meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by President Gross. Present: Matt Gross, Bill Ernst, Dan Dreher, Samantha Gettler, David Huff, Louise Johnson, Gini Herr, and Pastor Steve Broers. Absent: Dan Berg and Craig Plymesser.

Pastor opened the meeting with devotions from the Book of Job.

Louis read the minutes from the May 8 council meeting. Motion to approve minutes as amended was made by Samantha and seconded by Gini. Motion carried.

Gini presented the Treasurer's report. Dan moved to approve the report and Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pastor presented his report for the month of May. Louise moved to approve the report and the expense reimbursement and Samantha seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **Ministry Reports:**

Women of the ELCA: N/R

Altar Guild: N/R

**Property:** Dan presented the bid from Fagan Fencing Inc. for enclosed fencing behind the parsonage which includes brush removal totaling \$22,031.49. The original plan was for a privacy fence and an anonymous donation was obtained to enclose the back yard. Motion by Dan to proceed with the project and accept the bid with the church paying \$14,687.66 and the donation covering the remaining \$7,343.83. Samantha seconded the motion and it carried. The committee is in the process of getting 2 bids from local contractors for plumbing repairs at the parsonage. Thank you to the Men's Group who purchased 2 new stoves and a refrigerator for the kitchen! Dave moved to dispose of the old appliances after they were replaced. Louise seconded the motion and it carried. It was noted the doorstops into the church needed to be

Music and Worship: N/R Children's Ministry: Confirmation

- -6 Youth were confirmed on June 5th: Izzy Eisbach, Jacob Fry, Kylie Nelson, Matthew Rudolf, Parker Schneider, & Slade Gettler.
- -9 Confirmation students will be attending Confirmation Camp at Ingham-Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp July 10<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>.

## -High School

repaired.

- -The high school youth will be going Des Moines on Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, to package meals to be sent to the Ukraine through Meals for the Heartland. They will also do a fun activity afterwards. The Greenfield Methodist youth will be joining our youth.
- -2 high school youth will be attending High School

Camp at Ingham-Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp July 17<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>.

### -Children's Ministry

-VBS – VBS will be held at Emmanuel Lutheran Church this year as the Methodist Church is unable to host. It is unsure how the billing will be done at this time and our church may be responsible for more than usual.

Memorial: N/R Stewardship: N/R

Outreach: Pastor reported that the "Bring a Friend" Sun-

day was well attended.

Louise reported attending the Fontanelle City Council meeting and there is no feral cat problem at this time.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Dan reported visiting with Gina at Colors regarding the carpet on the front steps. The original bid was to carpet the side of the steps and the carpet layer said the warranty would not include the carpet applied over the edges of the steps. She suggested painting the sides. Dan will check with Colors to see if there was extra carpet from the project and what is owed to Colors.

#### **New Business:**

The Council reviewed the proposed 2023 budget to be presented at the Semi-Annual meeting between services on July 17. It was noted that there are funds in the Memorial account to pay for VBS.

Pastor and Secretary Amy Hoover have discussed the membership record list and if it should be updated. Council discussed the possibility of having "Active/Nonactive" lists and that once an individual is confirmed and reaches age 18, they are considered to be a member of the church. Members would be removed from the list if they request their membership to be transferred or upon death.

Pastor reported there are problems with the thermostat settings. The wireless connectivity is not working in parts of the church for thermostat programming. Amy is contacting the manufacturer to resolve the issue.

Pastor discussed his summer schedule and attending the Ingham Okoboji Confirmation, Family and Senior High Lutheran Bible Camps.

**Outreach:** Several local fund-raising benefits were discussed. Dan moved to donate \$500.00 medical benevolence to a local individual and Dave seconded the motion and it carried.

Motion to adjourn at 6:26~p.m. was made by Dave and seconded by Bill and the motion carried.

President Gross closed the meeting with the Lord's prayer. Next meeting Sunday, July 10 at 5:00 p.m. Respectfully submitted: Gini Herr, Secretary Pro-Tem

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



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# All information needs to be in the office by 8:00 a.m. on Thursday mornings for the bulletins.

## Men's Group Cinnamon Rolls—August 7

The Men's Group will be serving cinnamon rolls after the Contemporary service on Sunday, August 7. Cinnamon rolls are one for \$2 or six for \$10 — while they last!



#### **Back-to-School Sunday Is August 21**

We will be celebrating Back to School Sunday on Sunday morning, August 21st. Please have your child bring their backpacks for a special time of prayer and to receive a special gift to remind them that Jesus is with them wherever they go.



#### Confirmation Meeting August 28 at 4:00 p.m.

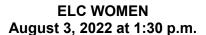
If your child will be entering 7th or 8th grade and they are interested in being part of our Confirmation ministry, please contact Pastor Broers at <a href="mailto:sbroers001@luthersem.edu">sbroers001@luthersem.edu</a> or 641-745-7648. There will be a Confirmation meeting for ALL incoming and returning students and parents at 4:00 on Sunday, August 28th in the Parish Hall.

Fund Balance Report		
As of June 30, 2022		
General Fund	\$97,870.77	
Children's Ministry		
Grow	\$344.50	
Sponsor A Sheep	\$0.00	
Other	\$954.48	
Total	\$1,298.98	
Vision Fund		
Undesignated	\$17,987.21	
Designated Building	\$4,366.91	
Designated Mission	\$15,656.00	
Total	\$38,010.12	
TOTAL	\$137,179.87	



#### **LCMC Gathering Deadline Approaches**

The LCMC Gathering is October 2-5 at Hosanna Church in Lakeville, MN. The deadline for discounted registration is August 15. Pastor and one volunteer are attending on behalf of Emmanuel Lutheran. If you want to attend on your own, find more information online at <a href="http://www.lcmc.net/annual-gathering">http://www.lcmc.net/annual-gathering</a>.



Hymn/Devotions/Meditation: Dorcas Circle
Bible Study:

**Business Meeting:** Dorcas Circle

Birthdays Lord's Prayer Table Prayer

Kitchen Committee: Naomi Circle

## MEALS FROM THE HEARTLAND





#### **High Schoolers Pack Meals From the Heartland**

Malachi Broers, Pastor Steve Broers, Levi Gettler, Tucker Sloth Rohrig, Jacob Fry, and Terrin Gettler spent the morning of June 24 packaging Meals From the Heartland in Des Moines. These meals will benefit Ukrainians. Students then enjoyed an afternoon of fun.



#### Opportunities at Emmanuel Lutheran

The start of a new school year is a great time to start volunteering and/or joining a new group! Consider helping out in the following areas:

- Outreach and Stewardship Committee
- Praise Team (vocal and instrumentals)
- Prayer Group (Thursday mornings)

- Worship Services (readings, communion, greeting, hospitality, media)
- Youth Volunteers (GROW; Confirmation/HS Bible study as needed)
- ELC Women (meetings the first Wednesday of each month)
- Altar Guild (meetings as needed)
- Men's Bible Study (meets every Wednesday morning)

Contact Pastor Broers or Amy if you're interested in helping out or joining a group and they will get you in touch with the right people.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

#### **HEALING AND HEALTH CONCERNS...**

Teresa Schilmoeller (Bernie's daughter), Chelsea Payne, Brad Johnson, Jason Compton (grandson of Janet Thomas), Toby Bower, Dale Sickles, Dorene Feick, Barney Zimmerline, Jimmy Zimmerline, Edie Neal (Kellie Mangel's mother), Betty Mills, Gene Martin, Joyce Hart (Tracy Jacobson's mother), Nancy Pettit, Mary Pickrell

#### **Good Samaritan Residents**

Lyle Miller, Helen Herr, Ray Stewart

#### **Greenfield Rehab Center Residents**

Ralph Lane, LaVerne Estell, Frances Gross, Tom Lamborn, Margaret Marckmann, Harold Nelson

#### **Assisted Living Residents**

Larry Hohertz, Pat Nelson, Deloris Plymesser

## Service Men and Women Serving at Home and Abroad

Lucas Queck, Clint Eshelman, John Sidey and Trent Jameson (grandson of Rex and Karen Hight), Zac Scar, Austin

Brown (grandson of Stan Brown), Tucker Wambold, Reba Lonsdale, Clint Powell, Brett Schafroth, Curtis Darr, Colton Hernandez (great-grandson of Phyllis Hanke), Rose Lonsdale



## AUGUST WORSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

	August 7	August 14	August 21	August 28
Worship Leader	Brian F.	Kathi C.	Dave H.	Rhonda B.
Keyboard	Kellie M.	Kellie M.	Kellie M.	Kellie M.
Drums	Dan D.	Malachi B.	Dan D.	Malachi B.
Bass Guitar	Bob J.	Bob J.	Bob J.	Bob J.
Rhythm Guitar	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
Male Vocalists	All	All	All	All
Female Vocalists	All	All	All	All
Acolytes	Destiny F.	Payden M.	Allyson P.	Derek R.
Greeters/Treats	Al and Judy A.	Jane L., Kathy G.	Jeanne J., Nellie G.	Sam and Brian G.
Hospitality Host/Hostess	Men's Group	Craig and Brenda P.	Ed and Kathi C.	Wanda J., Nancy S.
1st Reading	Destiny F.	Brenda P.	Ann R.	Derek R.
2nd Reading	Malachi B.	Kadisha S.	Gabe B.	Allie C.
Gospel	Brian F.	Kathi C.	Kathi C.	Vicki B.
Confession/Forgiveness	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
Prayers	Brian F.	Kathi C.	Dave H.	Rhonda B.
Communion Helpers	Levi G., Lori F., Carmen H.		Ed C., Rhonda B., Darla B.	
Count Offering (*Council Member)	Dan D.	Craig P.	Dave H.	Dan B.
Sound	Rollie P.	Jayden R.	John B.	Matthew R.
Cameras	Earlene P.	Micah B.	Micah B.	Kelly H.
Pro Presenter	Tammy J.	George F.	Tammy J.	George F.
Organist	Kathy T.	Karen S.	Shirley M.	Karen S.
Greeters/Ushers	Pat and Iris W.	Darry and Roleen C.	Carla L., Sherol B.	Paul and Rae B.
Acolytes	Malachi B.	Micah B.	Micah B.	Malachi B.
1st Reading	Iris W.	Amy H.	Sherol B.	Paul B.
Psalm Reading	Iris W.	Amy H.	Sherol B.	Paul B.
2nd Reading	Kristy B.	Kristy B.	Rollie P.	Kristy B.
Gospel	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
Communion Helpers	Iris W., Roleen C.		Carla L., Sherol B.	
Offering	Matt G./Bill E.	Matt G./Bill E.	Matt G./Bill E.	Matt G./Bill E.
Sound/Cameras	Rollie P.	Ben H.	Matt G.	Matt G.
Pro Presenter	Tom T.	Nate H.	Malachi B.	Sherol B.

## **AUGUST 2022**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Secretary's Of- fice Opens Late Today (≈noonish)	7:00a Men's Bible Study 1:30p ELC Women			Pastor at Out of Town Wedding in PM
	Pastor on Vacation	Pastor on Vacation	Pastor on Vacation	Pastor on Vacation	Pastor on Vacation	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
7:30a Praise Team Warm-Up 8:30a Contemporary Worship 9:30a Men's Group Cinnamon Rolls 10:30a Traditional Worship 6:30p Praise Team Practice	10:00a FB Bible Study 5:00p Council Agenda Deadline	10:00a Pastor to GSC 11:00a Contemp. Worship Planning	<b>7:00a</b> Men's Bible Study	9:00a Prayer Group 10:00a Trad. Worship Planning 1:00p – 4:00p Secretary's Hours Today Only		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
7:30a Praise Team Warm-Up 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:30a Traditional Worship 5:00p Council Meeting 6:30p Praise Team Practice	<b>10:00a</b> FB Bible Study	<b>10:00a</b> Pastor to GSC	<b>7:00a</b> Men's Bible Study	<b>9:00a</b> Prayer Group		
Back-to-School Sunday 21	22	23	24	25	26	27
7:30a Praise Team Warm-Up 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:30a Traditional Worship 6:30p Praise Team Practice	<b>10:00a</b> FB Bible Study	10:00a Pastor to GSC	7:00a Men's Bible Study 5:00p Sept. Newsletter Deadline  DEADLINE  Mewsletter Articles	9:00a Prayer Group 12:00p Pastor at LCMC Pastor Gathering		
28	29	30	31	Sept. 1	Sept. 2	Sept. 3
7:30a Praise Team Warm-Up 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:30a Traditional Worship 4:00p Confirmation Mtg 6:30p Praise Team Practice	<b>10:00a</b> FB Bible Study	<b>10:00a</b> Pastor to GSC	<b>7:00a</b> Men's Bible Study <b>6:00p-7:30p</b> Confirmation	<b>9:00a</b> Prayer Group		

## **AUGUST CELEBRATIONS**

## BIRTHDAYS



2	ANNIVERSARIES



8/2	Allie Herr, Kristy Broers
8/3	Brian Eisbach
8/4	Alison Mostaert
8/5	Scott Brown, Nancy Estell, Madeline Chiles
8/8	John Baudler, Bart Boehm, Aaron Wilson
8/9	Sarah Paris, Earlene Purdy, Leland Schwartz, Austin Lundy, Ty Christensen, Zayden Jonas
8/10	Mike Mensing, Kristin Ladd
8/11	Kevin Baudler, Patty Jacobson, Ryan Laughery, Zoey Groves
8/13	Tim Gross, Ray Sorensen II, Glen Hanson
8/14	Norbert Engles, Jaxson Stringer, Sara Foster
8/15	Kay Raper, Milini Matzie
8/17	Cory Queck, Judi Raasch, Matthew Nelson, Parker Manning
8/18	Donna Erbes, Myles Boehm, Liberty Sorensen
8/20	Daisy Antisdel, Nancy Stringer
8/21	Patty Grantham, Christina O'Hare, Cynthia Sickles
8/23	Clover McHargue, Vanessa Ritchie
8/24	Matz Jungmann, Jacob Baudler
8/25	Melissa (Jensen) Vorrie, Tucker Bigelow
8/26	Sam Hoover
8/27	Sherry Herr, Dave Rectenbaugh
8/28	Nicole Engles
8/29	William Hohertz, Judy Nelson, Janice Herr Blanchard, Allyson Pickrell, Nolan Leiss, Daxton Leiss
8/30	Joshua Johnson
8/31	Helen Herr

8/5	Matthew & Megan Emerson
0/5	Matt & Julie Raasch
8/7	Mick & Cindy Baudler
	Phillip & Gena Ward
	Gabriel & Kallie Galanakis
8/8	Jordan & Sarah Johnson
8/9	David & Diane Jungmann
8/12	Steve & Patti Bricker
	Bobby & Crystal Dabb
8/14	Jim & Ruth Buenting
	Mark & Kim Nelson
8/17	Darrell & Roleen Chiles
8/19	Brad & Anne Nelson
8/24	Tim & Carol Gross
8/25	Greg & Stephanie Ennis
	Matt & Denise Kuhns
8/30	Dave & Audra Rectenhaugh

## BAPTISMS

8/1

8/4 8/5



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## CONFIRMATIONS

8/6	Robert Queck
8/16	Tucker Robria

8/9	Logan Queck
8/10	Kylie Nelson
8/11	Sean Fox, Jacqueline Baudler, Charley Oder,
	Sophia Beard
8/13	Alex Kopaska, Kody Bigelow
8/16	Zoe Marckmann, Robert Queck, Ryker Tonderum
8/17	Tymothy Christensen, Cade Fenster
8/19	Andrew Martin
8/21	Lucas Held, Ashlyn Lund
8/23	Tucker Bigelow, Stella Johnson
8/25	Jessica Martin
8/28	Earlene Purdy
8/31	Nolan Powell

Mary Nelson, Aaron Bakerink

Meghan Andersen, Eric Nelson

Verlene Williamson

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